GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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THREATS OF LASKAR- E -TOIBA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh and Junagadh in Gujarat are the targets of Laskar-e-Toiba as per the intelligence reports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the activities of LeT in the country particularly in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): According to available information, there are no specific inputs at present regarding any specific threat of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) to target Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh and Junagadh in Gujarat.

(c): Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) is a terrorist organization banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The action taken by the Government to counter terrorism and check the activities of terrorist groups include intensive patrolling and surveillance on the borders; checking infiltration; deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence; heightened vigil and security arrangements in and around vital installations; strengthening of arrangements and mechanism for intelligence gathering; regular sharing of intelligence with the State Governments and among the agencies; assistance for raising of India Reserve Battalions in the States; upgradation and modernization of equipments and weapons, etc. of the Central Para-Military forces; and action at the international level, through bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation in the sphere of counter terrorism.